

BISCAYNE GARDENS MAC MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9,2004

Anne Cates, Vernell Everett, Roger Gordon, Robert Kirschbaum, Michelle McCook, Patrinia Dozier-Washington, Ann Zimmerman Absent: Estomene Dorcely

Meeting called to order by Chair V. Everett. He asked for volunteers from the members of the audience to spread the word about the MAC meetings in the community. Presentation of services provided by Miami-Dade Police Department.

MDPD – Capt. J. O'Donnell and Major G. Theorbald.

The following are services provided to newly incorporated municipalities.

COUNTYWIDE SERVICES - Sheriff's services, warrants, 911 system, crime lab and Aviation

LOCAL POLICE SERVICE – Uniform patrol, investigations, customer service (fingerprinting, etc)

OPTIONAL POLICE SERVICE - Motorcycle and bicycle officers, school crossing guards, etc.

SUPPORT & ANCILLARY SERVICE – Legal bureau, media relations, central records, training, etc.

SPECIALIZED POLICE SERVICE – Crime scene, homicide, narcotics, sexual crimes, robbery, etc.

New municipalities must contract with Miami-Dade County for localized police service for a minimum of 3 years. After the first 3 years, new city has the option to continue service with the County or start their own police department.

Residents of Miami-Dade pay for countywide services. New municipalities may continue optional services such as school crossing guards or may contract with a private company. Support and ancillary are countywide services that are offered for free. Per County ordinance, new municipalities must keep specialized police services, e.g., homicide and narcotics.

Based on the 2000 Census figures, the proposed incorporation area of Biscayne Gardens is approximately 5.10 square miles and has a population of approximately 32,705. The amount of officers needed for localized police services depend on several factors including the identified boundaries and the number of calls for service, e.g., traffic stops and citizen calls for information. Calls for service does not always involve a crime.

The minimum staffing requirements for the proposed incorporation area of Biscayne Gardens is 38 sworn officers and 5 non-sworn support personnel for an estimated minimum cost of \$4,353 million. Cost does not include optional or specialized police service.

Estimates based on 2002 budget numbers and may increase or vary. Cost per officer based on averages of \$73,830 and includes salary, insurance, etc. Presently, all UMSA districts, including Biscayne Gardens receive the enhanced level of service, or 56 sworn and non-sworn personnel.

Assigned sworn personnel would patrol only within the boundaries of new city. Additionally, patrol cars and uniforms of personnel would bear the logo and seal of city.

Once the new city is formed, MDPD will provide the actual cost based on seniority and salaries of the officers assigned. Patrol officers would be selected through an application and interview process. City staff would select captains and commanders.

Meeting adjourned by V. Everett, second by R. Gordon. Next meeting 9/22/04.